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**UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION STATION  
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## OBJECTS :

To facilitate the landing of Jewish immigrants at Ellis Island; to provide for them temporary shelter, food, clothing and such other aid as may be deemed necessary; to guide them to their destination; to prevent them from becoming public charges and help them to obtain employment; to discourage their settling in congested cities; to maintain bureaus of information and publish literature on the industrial, agricultural and commercial status of the country; to disseminate knowledge of the United States Immigration Laws in the centres of emigration in Europe with a view of preventing undesirable persons from emigrating to the United States; to foster American ideals among the new comers and to instil patriotism and love for their adopted country through the medium of lectures and literary publications.



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## TO THE MEMBERS, PATRONS, DONORS AND AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In conformity with the provisions of our constitution, I herewith beg to submit for your consideration a recapitulation of the work of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society for the year ending December 31, 1911, and to suggest the adoption of such measures as, in my judgment, based upon the experience of the past, will enable our Society to more fully carry out the work entrusted to it by the Jews of America.

I rejoice to record that, in the retrospect of the past year, we behold the clouds which have enveloped the melancholy history of our race, dissipated here and there by the light of a new-born spirit of tolerance. It would appear that the principal of reaction has been partially supplanted by that inborn sense of justice which, in the last analysis, regulates the affairs of the world, despite the opposition of bigotry. Manifestly the nations of civilized Europe have come to a realization of the fact that there was neither rhyme nor reason in this illogical persecution of the earliest civilized white race, that the Jew was a fellow Caucasian, equally bound with themselves upon promoting and maintaining the moral and intellectual supremacy of the great Caucasian wing of mankind.

In consonance, therefore, with what I may term a renaissance of better feeling, the condition of the Jews throughout the major part of Continental Europe has been somewhat improved. In certain of the countries harrassing restrictions have been removed, humiliating barriers have been levelled

and burdensome statutes have been revoked. Following as it did upon a period of severest oppression, I cannot deem it otherwise than as a tribute to the power of civilization, which, in its irresistible progress will inevitably extinguish the fires of prejudice.

This optimistic view I have taken of the changed attitude of Europe towards the Jew, I regret to say, must be tempered, in considering the condition of our co-religionists in Darkest Russia, where, instead of the situation of our people being improved, I regret to say the tendency is in the opposite direction. In that shadow-laden land the position of our brethren has become more wretched than before. In contrast to the policy of other European countries, the unfortunate plight of the Jew is made more harrowing by every possible means that the ingenuity of the oppressor can devise. New measures have constantly been introduced to curtail the liberty and narrow the field wherein the Jew can earn a livelihood. Bigotry is rampant, and the reactionary is in the saddle.

In reviewing the work of the year I feel myself doubly privileged. Standing before you as your chosen President is in itself a proud distinction, and the fact that it is not my first term does not render my sensibility to the honor any the less keen. But I am infinitely more proud by reason of the far-reaching result of the new achievements of our Society, and this is a sentiment, moreover, in which you will all share, when I have explained to you the nature of these new accomplishments.

While the Immigration Problem continues to grow in the eyes of the people of the United States, and while Jewish immigration continues to be an important factor in that problem, and while our Society becomes more known and better recognized from year to year, we feel that the world may yet learn to depend upon us as the authoritative source of all knowledge pertaining to Jewish immigration in the United States. But whether or no this shall ever come to pass, it is sufficient that we ourselves are conscious that we owe more than a mere Shalom Aleichem and a meal or two to the un-



happy wanderer. We must know what becomes of him, and make sure that he finds what he is seeking—a home and a living. We owe a debt also to our country, in that we must be sure that each newcomer from our own race is an acquisition to, and not an incubus upon, the country, that he is self-supporting, and that he duly falls into the ranks as an American.

I rejoice that the history of our people in this country is a living demonstration of the fact that the primal ambition of the Jew is to become assimilated in the mass of the population, to familiarize himself with the glorious traditions of liberty, which are the corner stones of the republic and to become, in company with his fellow-citizens of other faiths, a cog in the wheel of progress. I further rejoice that the history of our people is a living refutation of the malicious calumny that all immigrants remain alien to our customs, language, and institutions, but that, on the contrary, from the day he lands at Ellis Island, the Jewish immigrant is consumed with the desire to hasten the approach of the day when he shall be qualified to enter upon the full enjoyment of the American franchise.

### CONGESTION NOT DUE TO IMMIGRATION.

I cannot too strongly repel the assertion that the congestion of the great cities is due to the influx of the immigrant. The great cities of the world from time immemorial have necessarily been the centres of population. They are the location of the factory and the workshop, therefore it must follow that they should be the home of the worker. The impoverished immigrant, seeking an asylum on these shores from the horrors of oppression, is confronted with the problem of securing employment. The large cities offer him the means wherewith to earn his daily bread, and that offer he cannot spurn. He accepts the proffered employment, and there remains until he has assimilated in the training schools of the great city, a fair knowledge of the country, its customs, language and institutions. Any one imbued with the spirit of

investigation would speedily discover, did they inquire, that the immigrant of two years ago had disappeared and that his place was filled by a new immigrant, who in turn would be supplanted by a later arrival within the following two years.

It is an oft-repeated tale, this nightmare of congestion in the city. The cry of congestion was raised as far back as twenty years ago against the Jewish immigrants who then lived in New York, and that cry has been continued ever since. We hear it even to-day, misinformed persons evidently closing their eyes to the fact that the particular immigrants who were alleged to have caused the congestion are now residing in cottages in the suburbs, or in smaller towns scattered throughout the country, or tilling the soil in a mountain-side farm, or developing a home-site on our Western plains.

### CARING FOR JEWISH IMMIGRANTS.

I cannot too strongly emphasize the fact that the Jewish immigrant has not and never will become a public charge. Away back in the eighties, at the outset of the early immigration, when the pioneer Jewish immigrants who came here had neither kith nor kin to receive them, the Jewish Community acted as their relative pro tem, and looked after their welfare until they became independently self-supporting. In so doing they were maintaining the sacred covenant of the first Jewish immigrants to guard and cherish their own poor and to minister to their own sick. As a heritage handed down to us from their example, I but have to point to the high character of our hospitals and our institutions for the care of the sick, the orphans, the aged, and the poor. In emulation of the noble spirit of our predecessors our Community to-day stands ready to perform the same services to the unfortunate, but by the intervention of a Divine Providence, the immigrant of to-day is not longer under the necessity of becoming the guest of the Jewish Community. Our Society has assumed the role of Agent for the Community and welcomes the new arrival as a guest for a short time, affording the means for him to reach

his relatives, who, having long since passed beyond the immigrant stage of their evolution, are in a position to render the newcomer far more substantial aid than ever lay within the power of the Community.

The insignificant proportion of immigrants who, after landing, are forced to seek assistance from the Community, affords a striking illustration of the fact that we have to contend with no problem of immigrant poor. This is attested by the reports of the leading Jewish charity organizations, which show that, of the total number of applicants for temporary relief, those who have been in the country for less than a year amount to a very small percentage.

### KEEPING TRACK OF IMMIGRANTS.

It is a tremendous undertaking to keep track of each and every Jewish immigrant passing through the port of New York, whether they go inland or remain here, and whether or not they avail themselves initially of our Society's help. Yet we have taken heart and faced this enormous undertaking, and a thorough system of following up each immigrant departing for the interior has been inaugurated by us during the month of May in the year just closed.

A representative of ours is employed on Ellis Island copying from the ship's manifest, lists of Jewish immigrants destined for the interior. These are duly classified and forwarded, with a circular letter of ours, to our corresponding representatives in the respective localities, advising them to look out for so many and such particular immigrants arrived in their towns or cities, to help them gain employment, if need be, to induce them to attend night classes for learning English, and to take out their first naturalization papers.

The results so far as indicated per returns of our corresponding agents, have proved most gratifying. Immigrants in the interior are all self-supporting, are eager to learn English, and bring even their babies to the Kindergarten; and there is quite a rush amongst them to take out their first papers. Thus, I may say, we have succeeded in bringing the Statistical Division of our Department of Education to a point

of almost perfect centralization. We are in a position to know everything about every immigrant passing through Ellis Island, no matter how far he goes.

### IMMIGRANTS DESTINED FOR NEW YORK.

However, as against immigrants destined for the interior, all of whom we can and do follow up, as our files in our offices will readily attest, we still have to grapple in attaining knowledge as to what becomes of immigrants destined for New York. The truth is, that in very many cases immigrants destined for New York, according to the ship's manifests, do not have, and never had from the beginning, any intention to remain in New York. With a community so large as ours, nearly every newcomer has some relative or some dear friend to whom he is anxious to extend greetings. And, knowing beforehand that unless he gives New York as his destination, he would be hurried off by the immigration officers into far Texas, Virginia or Wisconsin, he naturally conveys the impression that he is going no further than New York, in order to be allowed to spend a day or a week or a fortnight with his own folks, before proceeding to his far-off destination. This we know to be a positive fact. To each immigrant nominally destined for New York, after he has had some time to rest and look around, we send out a circular letter, in the form of a friendly greeting, inquiring how he fares, and asking him to come to us if in need of any advice or information. Naturally we receive a great number of replies, some by letter, some in person, some simply thanking us and assuring us that they are doing well and need nothing; some asking for employment; some wanting to know the nearest night school where they may learn the language of the country; others wanting to know everything about becoming an American citizen; fully 20 per cent. of the replies by mail come to us from various parts of the country, where the people in question have already settled, our letter having been forwarded to them by their friends here. Quite often, too, immigrants come to us of their own accord, before we could have had time to write to them, asking about having their baggage



transferred to places in the interior, far and near, explaining that they never really meant to remain in New York, though they had to say so, in order to be allowed to step off here. These facts, by the way, may perhaps help to wipe a tear or two off the cheeks of those eternally lamenting the increasing congestion of New York by Jewish immigration.

### NATIONAL JEWISH IMMIGRATION COUNCIL.

For a long time our Society has been casting about for some effective means to prevent certain self-constituted bodies or individuals from gratuitously championing the cause of Jewish Immigration, and, through ignorance and prejudice, creating mischief in Government circles. During the year we have succeeded in cutting the ground from under the feet of those intermeddlers, by our bringing into being a National Jewish Immigration Council. This Council comprises all Jewish Immigration societies in the country, backed by their respective communities; the Board of Delegates on Civil Rights of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of the United States and Canada, and the American Jewish Committee. Happily no grave issues affecting immigration occurred during the year; but in time of trouble we may rest assured that the cause of Jewish Immigration is left in proper hands.

### NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Along with the National Council, to act in time of War, we have also succeeded during the year in creating a National Board of Directors, to serve in time of Peace. One or more of the ablest and most honorable members from each community have been chosen National Directors, to co-operate with our Society, to help to gather funds, and to look after the welfare of immigrants. To give you a full understanding of the significance and scope of the National Board of Directors, it would be best to read to you the Resolution adopted by our own Board of Directors on August 8, 1911:

"1. This Society shall endeavor to secure representa-



tion from every Jewish community in the United States, on the National Board of Directors. The number of representatives from every community shall not be limited.

"2. The National Board of Directors shall meet annually on the same date and at the same place where the annual meeting of the Society is held.

"3. National Directors shall be elected by the Board of Directors, which body shall have power to withdraw the name of any National Director from the list at any time, if, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, the best interests of the Society demand it.

"4. The names of the National Directors shall be printed in the Year Book of the Society.

"5. Every National Director may be present at meetings of the Board of Directors, and have a voice in the proceedings of same.

"6. Every National Director shall act as a representative of the Society from his community in all matters pertaining to Jewish Immigration.

"7. Every National Director shall have charge of the collection of funds in his community for the maintenance of this Society."

This is practically the first meeting of the National Board of Directors. Though it would be too much to hope that all of them are here, considering the vastness of our country and the distances so many of them would have to cover, nevertheless I am glad to say that many of them are here, while the great majority are with us in spirit.

## **NATIONAL UNION OF JEWISH SHELTERING SOCIETIES.**

That ancient institution of our people, HACHNOSAS ORCHIM, has during the year received much of our attention, and in the month of July the first National Convention of the Hachnosas Orchim Societies of the United States and Canada was held here at our offices. All of these Societies are now amalgamated, with headquarters at our offices, and a thorough system of identification of each wayfarer has been adopted. This was found necessary in order to obviate

certain abuses, and also the better to befriend really deserving wanderers. I may mention, by the way, that by means of this perfect understanding between the Sheltering Homes throughout the country we have already succeeded in tracing and bringing back many runaway husbands.

### ORIENTAL BUREAU.

Owing to the increased immigration from the Orient, we found it necessary to establish an Oriental Bureau and put it in charge of a special man, who is able to speak to these unfortunates in their own several dialects. These people, because of their inability to speak any language other than Turkish, Hispanol, Arabic or Syrian, find it almost impossible to obtain employment or engage in any business which would afford them a livelihood, unless brought together with those of their countrymen who have preceded them. Our new bureau has brought to these immigrants the relief that they were sorely in need of. Efforts are being made now to induce them to learn English, and to render them generally more sociable. The Americanization of the Oriental Jew has hitherto been retarded, by reason of his shyness in dealing with his more active Occidental brothers. We expect this Department to bring a closer and better understanding between the Sephardic and Ashkanasek Jews.

### IMPROVEMENTS IN SHIPPING LINES.

During the year many complaints reached us about ill-treatment of immigrants aboard certain boats of the Uranian Line, plying between Rotterdam and New York. We immediately requested Mr. Israel Friedman to cross the ocean on this Company's boats, for the purpose of making a complete investigation of the charges made. Mr. Friedman's reports enabled us to make certain representations and suggestions to the Company in regard to food, general treatment and disposition of sleeping berths. These suggestions, I am happy to report to you, have been acted upon by the Company in such a manner that I do not anticipate any more complaints on this score.

## CHECKING ABUSES OF EMIGRANTS EN ROUTE.

A special investigation was made for us by Mr. Israel Friedman while on the other side, regarding the abuses which emigrants bound for the United States are subjected to, and which abuses were invariably complained of by the immigrants upon their arrival here. He found that unscrupulous transfer agents, hotel-keepers, money-exchangers, etc., have taken undue advantage of the ignorance and simplicity of immigrants. Arrangements were thereupon made by him with the various Jewish Societies he came in contact with while abroad, to prevent these abuses and to drive these charlatans out of business.

## THE OPENING OF THE PANAMA CANAL.

In view of the approaching completion of the Panama Canal, which will be bound to divert a deal of Jewish immigration via the Pacific, our Society has taken time by the forelock, and we have succeeded during the year in making plans for the organization of Branches in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Ore., Tacoma, and Seattle, Wash. Along the Atlantic seaboard, in cities such as Charleston, S. C., Savannah, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla., there will also be branches formed. They will be under the direct supervision of their respective local communities.

## KOSHER KITCHEN AT ELLIS ISLAND.

At last this long-wished-for feature is an accomplished and happy fact. The discomfort and privation endured for lack of Kosher food by immigrants detained on Ellis Island, did not tend to improve their physique in the eyes of the immigration authorities that were to pronounce judgment on them according to bodily aspects. During the year Messrs. Hudgins and Dumas, the Commissary Contractors, voluntarily came to make us the offer of putting up a Kosher Kitchen, and they engaged a cook of our recommendation. Let us herewith record our thanks to those gentlemen for

their thoughtfulness, and also to the kindness of Commissioner Williams for granting the necessary space and other incidentals.

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IN ADDITION TO THESE ACTIVITIES I BEG LEAVE TO TOUCH UPON THE WORK DONE BY OUR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, AS FOLLOWS:

#### OUR INFORMATION BUREAU.

This Bureau has been enlarged this year, owing to the fact that over 100,000 people during the year have applied for information. Considerable data regarding conditions in the different parts of the United States was gathered by it. This information has furnished very interesting copy for articles which appeared in the Jewish Press, and thus, apart from the many who always sought our Information Bureau, it brought to us additional seekers of information. Among many of those who came were people who had the means to pay for their own transportation who had some slight knowledge regarding a certain city, but wanted to be thoroughly informed. Happily we were in a position to give them the desired information, of which quite a number have availed themselves. Many were people who also wanted to change their residence, but lacked the wherewithal. The latter were invariably referred to the Industrial Removal Office.

The number of our people seeking advice regarding country life, too, has increased. This shows that many more are beginning to consider seriously taking up farming life as their vocation. The latter were directed to the Jewish Agricultural and Industrial Aid Society.

This Bureau has been vastly reinforced during the year, through the detailed observations made by our National Organizer, Mr. Stanley Bero. Mr. Bero has made a sociological study of 81 cities in 24 different States, and the minutest details have been duly recorded and placed on our files. In a



general way, Mr. Bero has satisfied himself and convinced us that everywhere the older settlers are doing all they can to help along the later arrivals, and make them self-supporting—a labor in which they invariably succeed.

### ELLIS ISLAND BUREAU.

The results of last year's work by this Bureau should bring joy into the hearts of all lovers of Justice. Out of a total of 3,739 immigrants who have been deferred and excluded, only 787 have been deported, while in the preceding year there have been deported 1,643, out of a total of 4,646 deferred and excluded. There is further cause for congratulation in the figures of those who have been deported for causes excluded by Statute. During the preceding year there have been 492 deported for such causes, while during the year just closed, there have been only 218 thus deported. The remaining 569 compared with 1151 in 1910, have been deported because in the judgment of the Immigration authorities they were likely to become a public charge.

It is noteworthy that among 61,500 arrivals there have been found only 3 criminals, and but 13 who were charged with coming or bringing for immoral purposes. These are facts and figures that should bring shame upon the heads of our enemies who attempted to slander the people of our faith with charges that they contribute an abnormal percentage to the criminal and immoral classes. Of those who sought entry into this country who were afflicted with diseases that were classified as "dangerous, contagious and loathsome" (who, by the way have all been debarred from landing in conformity with our just and wise laws), there were only 120 out of a total of 61,500. All the others have been found after a rigid examination by U. S. Hospital & Marine Surgeons, to be a perfectly healthy army of men, women and children.

The great reduction in the number of arrivals who were unfit for admission into this country as compared with the figures of previous years, is due largely to the work of our Information Bureau which has continually spread through the



medium of the Jewish Committees in Europe warnings to all prospective emigrants that unless they measure up to the standards set by the Immigration Law, they had better save themselves the trouble and expenditure of emigrating hither.

The Ellis Island Bureau has filed appeals to the Department of Commerce and Labor for 1166 of the excluded immigrants and succeeded in convincing the Department that 765 of them were entitled to land. Of 371 appeals made by private attorneys only 171 were sustained. This speaks for the efficiency of our representatives, Mr. I. I. Lipsitch and his assistant Mr. M. S. Weeker. I take pleasure also in acknowledging the valuable services of the Hon. Simon Wolf, of Washington, D. C., who personally appeared in behalf of every immigrant appealed for by our Society before the Department of Commerce and Labor, and to whose able and convincing presentations the success of our appeals must be largely attributed.

I cannot pass at this point without expressing our appreciations to the Hon. Charles Nagel, Secretary of Commerce and Labor and his able assistant, Hon. Benjamin S. Cable, for their courtesy to Mr. Wolf in particular and to our Society generally, in patiently considering our frequent calls upon them to decide the merits of cases appealed by us, and of their unmistakable disposition to treat fairly every case thus presented to them for final adjudication.

## DEPARTMENT OF DISTRIBUTION.

The object of this Department has always been to meet all immigrants who were not called for upon their arrival at Ellis Island, by their friends or relatives, and subsequently to guide them to the addresses furnished by them. To ascertain the correct addresses in cases where relatives have moved from addresses given, to telegraph to places outside of New York, regarding their arrival here, and to direct them to outgoing transportation lines. This we continued doing right along, except for the following innovation.

It is customary for relatives and friends who call at Ellis

Island to remain in the general waiting room which is usually locked from within (this being a Department regulation to keep visitors in a particular room). We found that people frequently remained in that room for several hours after their immigrant relatives and friends had been discharged and sent across the ferry. By a special arrangement, consented to by the Commissioner of Immigration, one of our guides is now permitted to take the name of every discharged immigrant, and then to announce his name in the general waiting room. In this way the eager relatives are united with their own without delay. We are thus spared the labor and expense of conducting these immigrants to their relatives. During the year this department looked after 9086 immigrants.

### DEPARTMENT OF SHELTER.

In the beginning of this year we determined to separate the wayfarers from the immigrants. In other words, we have divided the Sheltering House in such a way as to prevent these two distinct classes from mingling too freely. The Dining room was likewise divided. The immigrants, being not necessarily objects of charity, whilst the wayfarers have unfortunately been thus temporarily reduced.

We have also engaged a Night Clerk whose duties are to visit each floor hourly to safeguard against fire, to admit applicants who arrive during the night hours, to prevent likely abuses that might occur but for his vigilance. A proper control of his watchfulness is guaranteed by a clock in which he registers hourly on each floor.

We have also changed the method of illumination, and instead of gaslight, we now have electric light on every floor of the House. This was found necessary particularly in the sleeping rooms where it happened once that an immigrant blew out the gas before retiring.

In connection with the Department of Shelter we maintain a Free Kitchen, which is probably the only one of its kind in this country. "Whoever is hungry may come and partake

thereof." No lines are drawn between race, color and creed, and it is given to the recipient in such a way as not to wound his feelings. In all, this department has sheltered 2934 of which 1726 were immigrants and 1208 wayfarers. These figures include 878 women and children.

At the same time there were freely given 113,500 meals to all of the above mentioned inmates and City poor.

It is due to this magnificent record, that we are able to truthfully claim, that there are few if any Jews to be found on the "bread lines" of Broadway or the Bowery.

### EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

Formerly the Employment Bureau entailed a very slight expense, chiefly for stationery and printing, and for that reason we found it inefficient. Many immigrants in the past, directed to places of employment, came back unable to locate the employer. We were for that reason compelled to engage an Employment Agent, who introduces the immigrant to his employer, at the same time urging upon the latter to be patient and indulgent with the poor fellow. In addition to that, he seeks and learns of new openings in places thus visited by him.

This department has obtained employment for 1393 persons thus enabling them to become self-sustaining.

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

One of the features in this Department has been to instruct aliens in the laws of naturalization. We have succeeded during the past year in assisting 4697 immigrants to declare their intention to become American citizens, as a result of citizenship meetings held in our Assembly room on Wednesday evenings, apart from the unknown numbers who have been similarly encouraged in the different parts of the United States. The latter was done as a result of the work of our new statistical division of this Department. We pride ourselves upon the fact that since we have announced our readiness to

help immigrants to become citizens, which covers a period of two and one-half years, over 25,000 immigrants have declared their intention to become naturalized.

Our Sunday evening lectures, for instance, are a departure from the Sunday lectures of last year in the following respect: Last year the immigrants were addressed by professional speakers, well versed in the theoretical side of American industrial problems. This year, however, we introduced instead a People's Forum. This attracted workingmen from diversified fields, and each of them upon arising relates to eager listeners his own experience in entering the trade, the nature of it, and its growth, and changes in it since he first became identified with his respective calling. The result has been a boon to many of the immigrants, who, thus enlightened, advisedly kept from entering such pursuits which might have proven to their disadvantage.

#### DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS ENDEAVOR.

The peculiar function of this Department is to exercise supervision over the religious requirements of immigrants. In conformity with a time honored custom of our Society to minister to the spiritual necessities of our inmates, it maintains a Synagogue at our Home. The Rev. Dr. M. Maisner, who enjoys the unique celebrity of being the oldest Orthodox Rabbi in America, presides over the affairs of this Synagogue. Our most unstinted gratitude should be tendered to this noble gentleman for the distinguished services he renders to our guests, his labors being the expression of his wish to minister to his fellow men without the incentive of material benefit to himself.

At the same time I cannot overlook the invaluable services rendered to us gratuitously by Rev. Philip Jaches, who constantly, supervises the Sheltering House kitchens to the end that there shall be no departure from the strict observance of the Mosaic dietary laws and gives such other assistance as is within his power to grant.

This Department has also endeavored to care for immi-

grant children who find themselves on Saturday excluded from public schools and likewise from the regular Hebrew Schools by reason of their being closed, by instituting Sabbath afternoon classes, where the ethics of Judaism are interpreted to them in Simple English and Yiddish. This work is done as a labor of love, by volunteers.

## OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION.

We had on our books, at the close of the fiscal year, 6353 members, who are paying us annual dues as follows:

1 at	\$1,000 yearly	1,000.00
1 "	500 "	500.00
1 "	300 "	300.00
2 "	250 "	500.00
1 "	200 "	200.00
1 "	150 "	150.00
13 "	100 "	1,300.00
6 "	50 "	300.00
1 "	45 "	45.00
54 "	25 "	1,350.00
7 "	20 "	140.00
18 "	15 "	270.00
1 "	12 "	12.00
381 "	10 "	3,810.00
2 "	8 "	16.00
12 "	6 "	72.00
1096 "	5 "	5,480.00
6 "	4 "	24.00
1591 "	3 "	4,773.00
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504 "	2.00 "	1,008.00
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6353		23,912.50

While this apparently shows, on its face, an assured income of \$23,912.50, nevertheless our experience has taught us that a great many members withhold their payments for two or three years, while others drop off entirely, paying no attention whatever to the frequent demands necessarily made upon them. The amount of money that we can surely rely upon is equal to about one-third of the amount actually needed



to defray our expenses for the ensuing year as shown by the following budget:

Bureau of Information.....	2,436.00
Department of Distribution .....	3,420.00
Ellis Island Bureau.....	7,884.00
Employment Bureau .....	1,880.00
Department of Education .....	8,400.00
Department of Shelter.....	12,315.00
Department of Religious Endeavor....	1,000.00
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	37,335.00

#### ADMINISTRATION.

Salaries .....	6,030.00
Fuel .....	800.00
Light .....	500.00
Telephone .....	250.00
Sundries .....	1,500.00
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	9,080.00

Total.....46,415.00

It is this radical difference between our assured income and the necessary expenses which impels me to appeal to the kind-heartedness and liberality of our people everywhere to assist us in our grand charitable and humane undertaking.

Our general financial condition is set forth in the Financial Report submitted by our Treasurer Mr. Harry Fischel, and ably analyzed and commented on by Mr. Hermann E. Goldschmidt, Certified Public Accountant and Auditor.

While invariably seeking to gaze upon the bright side of the picture and, metaphorically speaking, to turn the cloud around and view the silver lining, we are, nevertheless, in the last analysis, confronted with the sternly undeniable fact that financially our Society is built on anything but rock. The veil of optimism cannot hide the melancholy truth that we have no solid financial foundation whatsoever; we must of necessity realize the gravity of the handicap under which we labor when we consider that we are not endowed by anybody from anywhere. Truly deplorable would be our situation, were it not that our friend and advisor, Mr. Jacob H. Schiff, the

greatest living philanthropist, in the fulness of his generosity, has saved to us the \$2,000 yearly necessary to pay the interest on our mortgage. This striking exhibition of disinterested philanthropy on the part of this distinguished Jewish-American gentleman, is but one among many such noble deeds that so adorn his notable career, conferring glory upon the race from which he sprang and serving as a criterion to future generations.

To many quarters are we indebted for moral and financial support. Truly encouraging have been the response to our appeals for aid in our noble cause. We have endeavored to instill into the public mind a realization of the peculiar construction and unique propaganda of our organization and the measure of our gratitude for the intelligent co-operation of the community, cannot be expressed in the limitations of language. Our work is generally appreciated and praised by all. The moral support has been most spontaneous and gratifying. The endorsers of the theories of our labors and aspirations bear the name of legion, but in transmitting theoretical appreciation into concrete realization, we have to depend upon small sums donated to us in the main by former immigrants in gratitude for aid we extended to them in their hour of need.

In addition to the debt of gratitude we owe to our officials and employes for the zeal with which they have employed their talents and energies in making our society so great a moral success, we have also to thank them for their patience in waiting for arrears in their salaries.

Confronted with the necessary expenditure of many thousands a year, we have no other resources to depend upon than what are bound up in the precarious Bank of Hope, where, alas, the Paying Teller is so often missing from the window.

### **MATTERS DESERVING SPECIAL MENTION.**

Our Society having enlarged its scope to the broader field of national interest, extending the sphere of its influence throughout the territory bounded by the two great oceans, is

no longer confined to the limited domain which confined our activities to the protection, aid and relief of the individual immigrant. The question of immigration, forming, as it does, the great problem to which we devote our energies, received special attention during the past year from your President and his associates on the Board of Directors. I desire, however, to express the fullest sense of gratitude which is due to the many Jewish Fraternal Orders, Charitable and Benevolent Societies, who have displayed a great concern in attacking the problem with which we were grappling, and in the expression of their views demonstrated the sentiments of the liberal citizens of this country.

Your President enjoyed the distinction during the past year of being in company with several other gentlemen forming a delegation which were received on several occasions in audience by the President of the United States, and thus being afforded the opportunity of hearing first-hand, the expression of his views upon what is to us, the all important question. I am delighted to announce that His Excellency extended the most cordial greeting to the delegation, and stated that the matters presented to him on behalf of the friends of liberal immigration, would receive his undivided attention.

Upon another occasion, at a public hearing in Washington, given by the Committee on Immigration of the House of Representatives, relative to certain bills which have been introduced to strike a blow at liberal immigration, your President was afforded the opportunity of presenting your views upon that all important topic.

### ROSE N. LESSER AUXILIARY.

I would be utterly derelict in duty did I refrain from giving proper acknowledgement of our indebtedness for the work done by the Rose N. Lesser Auxiliary of which Mrs. Leon Kamaiky is president. In consonance with their praiseworthy custom, this splendid organization has supplied the Home with all food stuffs for the maintenance of the Kitchen, and

the fact that we were able to dispense 113,500 meals, is to the sole credit of the Ladies of this Society.

## HEBREW SHELTERING HOUSE LEAGUE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

We are exceedingly grateful to the Hebrew Sheltering House League, of which Dr. B. B. Berkowitz is president, for the invaluable assistance they have so generously rendered. Special thanks should be tendered to the following organizations for their contributions for special cases, and for their co-operation at all times.

Jewish Women's Relief Society.  
Council of Jewish Women.  
Clara de Hirsch Home for Immigrant Girls.  
Beth Israel Hospital.  
Har Moriah Hospital.  
Lebanon Hospital.  
Industrial Removal Office.  
Jewish Agricultural & Industrial Aid Society.  
Hebrew Free Burial Society.  
Austrian Hebrew Free Burial Society.  
Brooklyn Hebrew Free Burial Society.  
Baron de Hirsch Fund.  
Educational Alliance.

## OUR ADVISORY MEMBERS.

For the yeoman service so disinterestedly tendered and for the intelligent interest displayed in directing the policy of the organization, as exemplified in their ever ready response to our appeal for their advice and assistance, particular credit should be extended to our Advisory Board. These are Messrs. Jacob H. Schiff, Isaac N. Seligman, Edward Lauterbach, Max J. Kohler, Dr. Morris Loeb, Oscar S. Straus, Cyrus L. Sulzberger, Abram I. Elkus, Louis Marshall, Reuben Arkush, Mayer Sulzberger, Philadelphia, Pa., Julian W. Mack, Chicago, Ill., Moses Fraley, St. Louis, Mo., Isaac W. Bernheim, Louisville, Ky., Simon Wolf, Washington, D. C., Adolph Kraus, Chicago, Ill., Ben Selling, Portland, Oregon, and Lucius S. Solomon, San Francisco, Cal.

## THE JEWISH PRESS.

Language would not suffice to adequately express our sense of gratitude to the Jewish Press of this city for the moral support so freely tendered us in our struggle to protect Jewish immigrants, and to augment the capacity of the society. The Jewish Morning Journal, The Jewish Daily News, The Jewish Daily Forward and the Jewish Daily Wahrheit, not only contributed every day all the copies of their papers which were distributed by our Department of Education at Ellis Island, but likewise published gratis all notices as well as advertisements for immigrants at all times. We are also deeply grateful to the American Hebrew, The Hebrew Standard, and the Americaner for their obliging spirit in publishing all notices without cost. The Press in the interior of the country has likewise been conspicuous for their generosity. Prominent among them are the Jewish Daily Press of Cleveland, Ohio; The Jewish Courier of Chicago; The Jewish Daily Eagle of Montreal; the Volks Freund of Pittsburg, and the English-Jewish Weeklies generally.

## OUR HOUSE PHYSICIAN.

In accordance with the method we have pursued in the past, a physician has been found necessary for the purpose of examining the physical condition of wayfarers and immigrants when received at our Home. It affords me great pleasure to render this tribute to the obliging spirit displayed by our House Physician, Dr. J. Mantinband, who has donated gratis his professional Services for the benefit of our Society.

## OUR STAFF.

Especial commendation should be forthcoming to the members of our staff for the signal devotion they have displayed and the intelligent manner in which they have performed their labors, thereby greatly enhancing the usefulness of the Society. Particular credit should be extended to Mr.



Samuel Mason, our general manager, and to Mr. I. Irving Lipsitch, head of our Ellis Island Bureau, Mr. M. S. Weeker, his assistant, Mr. Stanley Bero, National Organizer, Mr. I. M. Rosenthal, Rev. Eli Shanin, and Mr. Mark Plotnick, our Field Secretaries.

I gladly take advantage of this opportunity to express our deep sense of obligation to our many members and contributors for the financial support they have given us without which we would have been seriously handicapped in proceeding with our work in behalf of our unfortunate brethren.

### THE JEWISH ORDERS.

We desire to go on record as expressing our cordial appreciation for the support given us by the following orders, who at their annual conventions have adopted favorable resolutions encouraging our work and urging their constituent lodges to contribute towards our maintenance.

Independent Order B'rith Abraham.  
Order B'rith Abraham.  
Arbeiter Ring.  
Independent Order Bnai Brith  
Independent Order Free Sons of Israel.  
Independent Order Ahwath Israel.  
Independent Order Free Sons of Judah.  
Independent Order Brith Sholem.  
Progressive Order of the West.

Our unstinted gratitude is due to the Congregations and to the lodges and societies generally and to all persons who have rendered us assistance. We are especially indebted to the following communities, who, through the instrumentality of their Federations of Jewish Charities, have recognized the importance of our work and voted to appropriate sums of money to aid our cause:

Buffalo, N. Y.; Chicago, Ill.; Cleveland, Ohio; Columbus, Ohio; Des Moines, Iowa; Detroit, Mich.; Fargo, N. Dak.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Kansas City, Mo.; Little Rock, Ark.; Louisville, Ky.; Memphis, Tenn.; Milwaukee, Wis.; St. Joseph, Mo.; St. Louis, Mo.; San Francisco, Cal., and Toledo, Ohio.

## IN MEMORIAM.

During the course of the last year, we have lost many good men and women, tried and true, who have worked with us in the sweet labors of love and charity but who, at the behest of the Master, have passed away to that unknown shore from "whose bourne no traveler returns." While they are gone from us, the recollection of their friendly counsel and disinterested labors in the noble cause we represent, will form one of the bright imperishable jewels that adorn the history of our People and while bidding Godspeed to these departed who but yesterday were the friends of our bosoms and the companions in all our hopes and aspirations, we are prone to surrender to the gloom of the Great Shadow. Our souls are steeped in sorrow and the flood gates of grief are opened wide. But why should we repine o'er the release of a soul from the fetters of the flesh. Rather should we bathe in the sunlight of a great joy at the consoling thought that he who was but yesterday a mortal, subject to all the "ills that flesh is heir to," has now forsaken this Vale of Tears, leaving behind him all the strife and turmoil of a worldly existence and has repaired to a mansion in the skies, there to enjoy the heritage of the pure in spirit, eternal life in the realms of the blest.

Oh. DEATH, where is thy terror,  
Where is thy fearful sting?  
The soul that's free from error  
In paradise shall sing.  
For blissful immortality,  
The World shall ye save,  
The heart that gives to charity  
Shall throb beyond the grave.

## CONCLUSION.

At the conclusion of my third term as President of the consolidated organization, I desire to place myself on record as affirming that a strict adherence to the administrative policy of the past combined with the innovations born of practical experience, has contributed to render the year 1911, notable for the achievements in our chosen field. The success that attended my administration was enhanced in a great degree by the whole-hearted devotion and loyal support of our directors and members. Without their valuable aid in the cause I greatly doubt that we should have attained that standard of efficiency upon which the society prides itself.

We are particularly indebted to our Treasurer, Mr. Harry Fischel, who helped us several times, by advancing funds for the immediate necessities of the Society.

Considering the straitened condition of our finances, the results achieved have been little short of remarkable. The burden of debt inherited from former administrations though considerably reduced necessarily impeded us in the free exercise of the facilities so essential to the work of our organization. To all those whose sympathies are extended to our noble cause I might suggest that the relief afforded us in lifting this burden from our shoulders inevitably produce the most beneficial effect in the augmented efficiency of our organization in its efforts to ameliorate the pitiable condition of the wayfarer.

Persevering along our chosen path we have overcome apparently insurmountable obstacles. Our labors have been arduous, and the difficulties have been tremendous, but animated by the spectacle of our suffering co-religionists, we have cast aside all considerations of personal convenience and given the best that was in us, without hope of reward other than the consciousness that some poor unfortunates have been the gainers by our efforts.

To those of our friends who are basking in the sunlight of prosperity, I would fain present the picture of their own flesh and blood struggling in the mire of adversity. It is not a pleasant picture and I assure you that it is no cheerful task to

flaunt the spectacle of misery in the faces of those who are enjoying the balmy breezes of prosperity, but it is an issue we cannot avoid, it is a condition to which we cannot shut our eyes and I, therefore, exhort all of those who have hearts susceptible to pity and whose sympathies can take a practical turn, to freely give of their surplus of the world's goods for the benefit of those whose misery is patent and whose strongest claim upon our sympathy is that their misfortunes are undeserved.

Well has it been said that coming events cast their shadows before. During the past year in all the four quarters of the globe, Darkest Russia alone excepted, there has been the unmistakable evidence of the dawning of a new era, an era of equality and liberality. The friendly spirit displayed in many sections hitherto hostile, is a cheering sign of the times. God grant that it may prove to be an augury of the approach of that "Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward All Men," of which we have long dreamed and which in the no distant future, aye even in our own time, shall become the predominant unwritten law of the entire world.

This year will be ever memorable as signaling a striking repudiation by this great republic of a long existing and inexcusable discrimination on the part of Russia. President Taft, representing the outraged manhood of the American nation, has thrown down the gauntlet to Russia and by and with the consent and approval of Congress has served notice upon the Russian Government that the Treaty of 1832 will be abrogated because of the failure upon the part of Russia to recognize passports issued to American citizens of Jewish faith. Many of the most honorable citizens of America, because of their religious views have been subjected to this most humiliating discrimination on the part of Russia, thereby being placed in the category of criminals and vagabonds. This unfair discrimination was in direct violation of the terms of a solemn treaty, the breach having been committed, abrogation followed in the natural sequence of events. In notifying Russia of the abrogation of this treaty, our honored President thereby sent a notice to the world to the effect that an American citizen,



irrespective of his religious conviction, is the peer of any man on earth and that the cow puncher in Arizona stands on the same plane with the Grand Duke in St. Petersburg.

What effect the action of the American people will have upon the immigration of the future, no one can predict. Let us hope at least that the conscience of the Ruler of Russia and his subjects, will be awakened to a proper realization of the inalienable rights of mankind, which should be accorded to the Jew as a free white man in the same measure as it is to the members of other faiths.

But if on the other hand the action of the American government should have a contrary effect then I am afraid that additional burdens will have to be assumed by us. In any event the work of our Society should not be permitted to languish, efforts such as we are putting forth are sure to attain results. Yes, my friends, results which mean more than the mere temporary aid and protection of the wayfarer and immigrant. The aid extended to some unfortunate feebly groping his way in "the slough of despond" is but the first link in the chain of better and brighter things. Bear in mind that in the free air of liberty, the shackles of poverty are soon cast aside and that the impoverished immigrant of yesterday, is the prosperous American citizen of to-day extending in turn that aid to some poor wayfarer, which he once so thankfully accepted.

Great events are in the air and it is for us who are alive to the situations as they arise to be on the alert to take advantage of the propitious shifting of circumstances and to direct the footsteps of the immigrant along the path of education in the higher duties and responsibilities of the American franchise, and on the other hand to dispel an unwarranted prejudice on the part of our fellow citizens of other faiths, regarding an honorable and self-respecting fellow-creature whose motto has ever been "Live and Let Live" and whose greatest ambition is to abide on terms of amity and concord with his neighbors, assist in promoting the advancement and prosperity of his adopted country and duly qualifying himself to become a representative citizen of the Great American Republic.

*Respectfully submitted,*

**LEON SANDERS,** *President.*

**HERMANN E. GOLDSCHMIDT,**  
**Certified Public Accountant**  
**Examiner of Municipal Accounts State Comptroller's Office,**  
**Albany, N. Y.**  
**150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK,**

January 12, 1912.

Hon. Leon Sanders, President, and Board of Directors of Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society, New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

As in former years the accounts of your society have been audited by me at monthly intervals, and I take pleasure to submit to you now the figures reviewing the business of the society for the fiscal year 1911.

It is with deep regret, in view of your so worthy cause, that I cannot report to you that I have counted the securities on hand and verified the bank balances—for, unfortunately, you did not have any. The support you have been getting from the community has been inadequate, and, as a consequence thereof, you have been running into debt this year, the deficit being \$1,395.93 on the General Fund, and \$276.96 on the Ellis Island Account, together a deficiency of \$1,672.89.

While the attached schedules speak for themselves, it might be advantageous to shortly recapitulate their contents here.

Schedule A is a financial report which needs no explanation.

Schedule B, is the revenue and expense account of the Society in its general fund, showing that the revenue receipts from all sources were \$27,942.87, and the expenditures for all sources, except for making up part of the deficiency on the maintenance of your Ellis Island account were \$28,011.87, or, including the contribution necessary for Ellis Island purposes from the general fund, the expenditures were \$29,338.80, leaving a deficiency on general fund of \$1,395.93.

Schedule C. shows the revenue and expense account of the Ellis Island Fund. The contribution from the Jewish Immigration Committee being \$5,908.14, expenditures of \$7,512.03,

made necessary a contribution from the general funds of the Society (heretofore mentioned) of \$1,326.96, and a further deficiency of \$276.96 to be carried over to the next year. The total expense of the maintenance of the Ellis Island Bureau, over and above the contribution of the Jewish Immigration Committee was, therefore, \$1,603.89, which have to come from the general funds of the Society.

Schedule D. shows the balance sheet of the Society as at close of business on December 31, 1911, from which it will be seen that almost \$3,000 of the contributions for 1912 have already been collected, and, in view of the fact that they were actually used up already, that there is a bank overdraft on this account of \$400.25, and on the Ellis Island Account of \$777.07, and various sundry loans unpaid, I wish to say that, in my opinion, special contributions of fully \$8,500 are needed beyond the regular Budget to get the Association out of debt.

Schedule E. is an analysis of the expenditure figures of the Society, showing the expenses distributed according to the various activities of your Organization, supported out of your general fund.

Attacks are often made on institutions of your character by reason of the fact that unthoughtful critics claim that the administration expenses are out of proportion to the "charity" distributed by the institution. In this respect I desire to call the attention of the public, through you, to the fact that your institution, outside the Department of Shelter, furnishes no relief, but SERVICE, and SERVICE only.

The figures submitted herewith I take pleasure to certify as being correct, and having being compiled from the books and accounts of your Society.

Wishing you the best of success in your good work for the future, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Herman G. Goldschmidt C.P.A.*

Certified Public Accountant,  
State of New York.

# FINANCIAL REPORT.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

### SCHEDULE A.

### GENERAL FUND.

January 1, 1911.....Overdraft . . . . . \$ 92.62

### RECEIPTS:

Membership Dues . . . . .	14,609.00	
Donations, Indiv. . . . .	5,506.65	
Lodges and Societies . . . . .	7,640.55	
Special Contributions . . . . .	2,178.75	
Synagogue Collections . . . . .	262.74	
Bank Loans . . . . .	3,200.00	
Sundries . . . . .	76.94	
Refund of Advances . . . . .	270.05	
Bequests . . . . .	391.40	
Sundry Loans . . . . .	330.00	
Home Synagogue . . . . .	244.55	
Hebrew Sheltering House League	476.75	
Young Ladies' Auxiliary . . . .	3.90	
Rose N. Lesser Auxiliary . . . .	400.00	
Deposits . . . . .	606.63	
Advances from Collectors . . . .	332.50	
National Union J. S. S. . . . .	105.00	
Check previously returned . . . .	9.00	
Ellis Island Fund . . . . .	391.67	37,036.08
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		36,943.46

### DISBURSEMENTS:

As per separate Tabulation . . . . . 37,364.59

December 31, 1911, Net Overdraft General Fund . . . . . 400.23  
as follows:

Overdraft in Bank . . . . .	864.23
Cash on hand . . . . .	464.00
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Balance . . . . .	400.23



# FINANCIAL REPORT.

## SCHEDULE A. PART 2. Tabulation of Disbursements.

Accounts Payable . . . . .	8,247.00	
Salaries . . . . .	10,222.19	
Bank Loans . . . . .	2,900.00	
Sundry Loans . . . . .	380.00	
Petty Cash . . . . .	2,275.00	
Transportation . . . . .	2,239.30	
Relief . . . . .	35.72	
Collectors Comm. . . . .	46.90	
Trav. Expenses . . . . .	310.74	
Interest . . . . .	90.32	
Loans to Ellis Island Fund . . . . .	2,678.71	
Ellis Island Fund Advanced . . . . .	7.32	
Exchange, out of town . . . . .	28.51	
Advances, Returnable . . . . .	142.00	
Checks returned N. G. . . . .	25.00	
General Expenses . . . . .	187.00	
Taxes . . . . .	410.11	
Investigating Expenses . . . . .	475.00	
Supplies and Repairs . . . . .	306.05	
Educational Propaganda . . . . .	5,466.26	
Medical Expense . . . . .	78.00	
Deposits returned . . . . .	583.63	
Quarantine Expense . . . . .	5.00	
Printing and Stationery . . . . .	15.97	
Telegrams . . . . .	4.00	
Home Synagogue Expenses . . . . .	50.00	
Credit on adv. from Collector . . . . .	65.00	
Law Committee Expenses . . . . .	20.00	
Convention Expense . . . . .	19.00	
Sundries . . . . .	50.75	
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		37,364.59

## SCHEDULE A. PART 3. TREASURER'S REPORT, Ellis Island Fund.

January 1, 1911. Balance on hand . . . . . \$ 14.39

### RECEIPTS:

Jewish Immigration Comm. . . . .	5,908.14	
Loans from General Fund . . . . .	2,670.06	
Interest from General Fund . . . . .	25.00	
Bank Loans . . . . .	1,000.00	
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		9,603.20

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Accounts Payable . . . . .	1,525.66	
Salaries . . . . .	6,457.33	
Bank Loan Paid . . . . .	1,000.00	
General Fund . . . . .	1,391.67	
Interest . . . . .	20.00	
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		10,394.66

Overdraft, December 31, 1911 . . . \$ 777.07

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY FISCHEL,  
Treasurer.

# FINANCIAL REPORT.

## SCHEDULE B. GENERAL FUND. REVENUE AND EXPENSE ACCT.

Period, January to December 31, 1911.

### Revenue.

Membership Dues .....	12,849.05	
Donations Individuals .....	5,503.61	
Donations Lodges and Societies...	7,744.05	
Synagogue Collections .....	262.74	
Home Synagogue Collections.....	207.49	
Bequests .....	388.90	
Adam Contribution .....	36.00	
Nat. Union of J. I. A. S.....	25.08	
H. S. House League.....	476.75	
Young Ladies' Auxiliary.....	23.19	
Rose N. Lesser Auxiliary.....	400.00	
Sundry Receipts .....	26.01	
Total Revenue.....		27,942.87

### EXPENDITURES.

House Salaries .....	10,145.23	
Light, Heat and Power.....	1,300.59	
Telephone Service.....	216.56	
Collection Expenses .....	97.65	
Interest .....	85.32	
Supplies and Repairs.....	1,315.24	
Postage and Telegrams.....	1,258.54	
Stationery and Printing.....	1,955.83	
Transportation .....	76.67	
General Expeenses .....	1,378.39	
Sundry Disbursements .....	519.37	
Relief .....	150.77	
Taxes .....	410.11	
Groceries .....	863.63	
Meat and Fish .....	787.67	
Bakers Supplies .....	328.70	
Educational Propaganda.....	7,121.60	
Total General Expenses...	28,011.87	
Deficiency of Ellis Island Fund..	1,326.93	
Total Expenditures.....		29,338.80
Excess of Expenditures over Disbursements		
Deficiency .....		1,395.93

# FINANCIAL REPORT.

## SCHEDULE C. ELLIS ISLAND FUND. REVENUE & EXPENSE ACCT Period, January 1 to December 31, 1911.

### REVENUE.

From Jewish Immigration Committee.....	5,908.14
From Hebrew Sheltering and I. A. S. Gen. Fund.....	<u>1,326.93</u>
Total Revenue.....	7,235.07

### EXPENDITURES.

Telephone .....	208.40
Carfares .....	55.25
Postage .....	111.60
Telegrams and Cables .....	187.23
Printing and Stationery.....	355.96
Relief .....	127.80
Sundry Expenses .....	402.96
Salaries .....	<u>6,082.83</u>
Total Expenditures.....	7,512.03
Excess of Expenditures over Disbursements (Deficiency)...	<u>276.96</u>

## SCHEDULE D.

### BALANCE SHEET OF GENERAL FUND AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31, 1911.

Assets:		Liabilities:	
Cash on hand.....	464.00	Bank Overdraft.....	864.23
Real Estate .....	80,000.00	Petty Cash Overdraft ..	15.13
Furniture & Fixtures....	6,033.34	Bills Payable .....	2,000.00
Sundry Debtors .....	62.10	Accts. Payable .....	1,880.67
Trav. Agents Advances..	750.70	Deposit Acct. ....	9.00
		Sundry Loans .....	160.45
		Mortgage .....	40,000.00
		Memberships paid, 1912	2,922.20
		Surplus, 1911..	40,854.39
		Less Deficit, 1912	<u>1,395.93</u>
			39,458.46
	<u>87,310.14</u>		<u>87,310.14</u>

### BALANCE SHEET OF ELLIS ISLAND FUND AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31, 1911.

Assets:		Liabilities:	
Furniture and Fixtures.	387.00		
Deficiency a./c.,		Overdraft in Bank.....	777.07
1911 .....	115.27		
Deficiency, 1912	<u>276.96</u>	Accounts Payable .....	2.16
	392.23		
	<u>779.23</u>		<u>779.23</u>

# HEBREW SHELTERING & IMMIGRANT AID SOCIETY.

## Analysis of Expense Account.

Period January 1 to December 31, 1911.

	Administration.	Information.	Employment.	Shelter.	Distribution.	Educational & Statistics.	Propoganda.	Religious Endeavor.	Commission.	Ellis Island.	Total:
House Salaries . . . . .	4,606.60	943.00	110.00	2,608.10	1,832.53	45.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,145.23
* Light and Heat. . . . .	455.59	.....	.....	845.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,300.59
** Telephone Service . . . .	108.56	.....	.....	.....	108.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	216.56
* Collection Expenses . . . .	97.65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	97.65
* Interest . . . . .	85.32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85.32
* Supplies and Repairs . . . .	845.44	.....	.....	429.62	.....	30.50	.....	9.68	.....	.....	1,315.24
* Postage and Telegrams . . .	398.54	75.00	35.00	.....	150.00	.....	600.00	.....	.....	.....	1,258.54
*** Stationery & Printing . .	859.15	31.00	39.85	63.25	71.61	237.52	653.45	.....	.....	.....	1,955.83
† Transportation . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	76.67	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	76.67
** General Expenses . . . . .	538.84	3.00	14.00	163.55	425.30	213.70	20.00	.....	.....	.....	1,378.39
†† Sundry Disbursements . . .	214.37	.....	.....	.....	.....	300.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	519.37
Relief . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	150.77	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150.77
Taxes . . . . .	410.11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	410.11
Groceries . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	863.63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	863.63
Meat and Fish . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	787.67	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	787.67
Bakers Supplies . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	328.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	328.70
Traveling Agents . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,661.43	1,021.76	.....	4,438.41	.....	7,121.60
	8,620.17	1,052.00	198.85	6,240.29	2,664.11	2,488.15	2,300.21	9.68	4,438.41	.....	28,011.87

\* Items Approximated in department columns.  
† Excess over special contributions of....\$2,178.75.  
Total expended for transportation.....\$2,255.42.  
\*\*\* Includes printing of annual report.  
\*\* Educational & Statistical column includes special investigation in Cuba.  
†† Educational & Statistics Column represents investigation trip to Europe.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN E. GOLDSCHMIDT,

Certified Public Accountant, State of New York.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1911.

## ROSE N. LESSER AUXILIARY.

### RECEIPTS:

Balance, January 1 .....	Dues.	Donations.	Benefits.	Bed Fund.	Sundry.	Total.
January .....	285.50	15.50	12.70	15.00	21.00	349.70
February .....	145.00	67.74	5.00			217.74
March .....	293.25	63.78	31.40	15.00		371.43
April .....	199.50	133.75	1,021.00	5.00		1,359.25
May .....	245.90	18.83	41.75	20.00		326.48
June .....	162.50	50.79	56.81	10.00		280.10
July .....	73.75	1.00	.75	16.00		91.50
August .....	111.75	5.50	4.00	5.00		126.25
September .....	276.00	39.65	6.75			322.40
October .....	238.20	238.20	30.78	15.00		301.48
November .....	146.05	20.80	22.25	23.00		220.70
December .....	207.20	16.44	35.90	10.00		269.54
Totals : .....	2,354.20	456.28	1,280.00	138.00	21.00	4,236.57

### DISBURSEMENTS:

	H. S. & I. A. S. Bread.	Meat, Herring, Fish.	Groceries.	Ice.	House Supplies.	Coll. Com.	Gen'l. Exp.
January	50.00	9.60	77.51	11.13	.....	48.30	20.49
February	100.00	.....	14.00	7.99	.....	24.50	24.45
March	.....	100.00	48.53	.....	.....	36.95	39.77
April	200.00	295.00	508.47	5.56	226.00	30.15	31.00
May	31.83	167.42	69.25	8.50	5.00	44.83	28.97
June	49.10	14.50	183.90	17.00	239.06	29.00	37.08
July	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.40	5.00
August	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.20	2.00
September	400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	46.30	15.00
October	.....	75.00	.....	.....	.....	39.09	57.30
November	.....	79.36	12	.....	.....	47.20	52.98
December	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35.30	70.75
Totals: 400.00	430.93	740.88	961.78	50.18	490.15	418.61	384.79
							3,877.32
December 31, 1911, Balance							\$ 389.25

# STATISTICAL TABLES of the Reports of the Various Bureaus & Departments, 1911.

## JEWISH ARRIVALS AT THE PORT OF NEW YORK, 1911.

MONTH	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTALS.
MALES	2544	2226	2436	1566	2502	2988	3485	3015	3331	1780	2872	2671	32366
FEMALES	1822	1601	1970	1400	1888	2061	3183	3048	3748	1642	2857	3314	29,134
TOTALS	4366	3827	4406	2966	4390	5049	6668	6063	7079	3422	5729	6985	61,500
Australia	6	6	...	...	3	2	...	1	2	...	...	...	16
Austria	736	795	...	465	895	997	921	844	984	521	1152	1278	10,220
Belgium	8	12	...	...	22	9	2	7	20	5	7	13	112
Bulgaria	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Canada	...	...	13	...	...	3	4	3	2	...	...	...	44
Central America	1	...	2	...	5	...	...	...	10	7	8	2	35
Cuba	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Denmark	1	2	...	2	...	4	...	4	...	1	1	...	29
England	197	204	324	45	322	271	297	249	342	176	205	182	2814
France	34	38	31	...	42	29	60	45	38	44	33	45	439
Germany	49	29	69	30	59	42	34	42	74	57	63	47	597
Greece	...	...	...	1	1	4	6	1	1	10	11	2	45
Holland	2	4	...	5	6	8	3	10	3	2	3	9	64
Ireland	...	...	4	...	12	7	10	8	3	1	...	6	51
Norway	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	6
Persia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Romania	104	110	69	70	108	128	132	181	114	71	123	149	1,359
Russia	3252	2634	2913	2341	2579	3988	4789	4273	5033	2221	3773	4898	42,374
Scotland	...	...	...	1	2	26	22	40	7	14	18	13	148
So. Africa	5	6	9	...	23	15	21	21	21	10	8	16	155
So. America	21	29	56	...	43	22	73	34	39	28	8	16	369
Sweden	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	3	4	13	4	5	5
Switzerland	6	6	7	...	11	9	9	3	4	4	6	4	59
Turkey	44	7	70	6	112	179	110	138	152	70	122	111	1,121
U. S. A.	...	...	...	...	139	212	111	154	203	164	191	180	1,354
Wales	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Other Europe	1	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	4	...	...	1	8
Born on Steamer	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Totals	4366	3827	4406	2966	4390	5049	6668	6063	7079	3422	5729	6985	61,500
Destined to N. Y. State	3185	3038	3388	2266	3308	4012	4475	4375	4941	2491	4214	5200	44,983
Destined to other ports	1181	789	1018	700	1082	1007	2143	1688	2138	931	1515	1725	16,517
Totals	4366	3827	4406	2966	4390	5049	6668	6063	7079	3422	5729	6985	61,500

Jewish Immigration at the Port of New York, 1910, 72,379.

# ELLIS ISLAND BUREAU.

## Cases Taken Up.

Deferred .....	1,482
Excluded .....	2,210
Bond .....	47

Total: 3,739

## Disposition of Cases.

### Admitted on Rehearing:

Deferred .....	1,480
Excluded .....	557
	<hr/> 2,037

### Admitted on Appeal, Bond and for

Treatment ..... 887

Deported, as classified below..... 787

Pending, " " " ..... 27

Died ..... 1

Total: 3,739

## Deported.

### Likely to Become Public Charge:

Serious Medical Certificate ..... 275

Without " " ..... 175

Little or no Money and

Assisted ..... 119

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Dangerous Contagious Disease..... 78

Loathsome " " ..... 42

Under 16 Years, unaccompanied by

parent ..... 27

Accompanying Guardians ..... 22

Insanity and Mental Defects..... 21

Criminals ..... 3

Coming or Bringing for Immoral

Purposes ..... 13

Assisted by Charitable Organizations.. 7

Tuberculosis ..... 1

Contract Laborers ..... 4

Total: 787

## Appeals and Petitions.

### By Bureau:

Sustained ..... 765

Dismissed ..... 400

Pending ..... 1

Total: 1,166

### By Others:

Sustained ..... 171

Dismissed ..... 199

Pending ..... 1

Total: 371

Total of all Appeals: 1,537

## Bond Cases.

Sustained ..... 39

Denied ..... 8

Total: 47

## Pending.

Awaiting Admission ..... 12

" Deportation ..... 13

" Decision ..... 2

Total: 27

## DEPARTMENT OF DISTRIBUTION.

Total number of immigrants not called for upon arrival, by their relatives, and subsequently looked after by this

DEPARTMENT .....	9,086
Steerage .....	8302
Cabin .....	784
	—— 9,086

## DESTINATIONS.

Downtown, South of 14th St.....	4831
Uptown, North   “   “   “ .....	1757
Brooklyn . . . . .	1919
Other Cities . . . . .	579
	—— 9,086.

## RECAPITULATION.

	Total.	Cabin.	Discharged to Society.	Changed Addresses.	No. of 14th St.	No. of 14th St.	Brooklyn.	Other Cities
Jan.	639	24	6	42	388	85	117	49
Feb.	679	43	22	77	375	140	141	23
March	559	12	29	53	294	107	117	41
April	381	14	15	37	199	70	86	26
May	690	53	21	49	367	131	150	42
June	819	101	19	61	465	142	159	53
July	870	110	17	100	448	169	184	69
August	706	108	..	72	364	149	146	47
Sept.	967	97	6	100	471	225	189	82
Oct.	598	59	18	44	260	147	150	41
Nov.	914	76	11	50	480	173	200	61
Dec.	1264	87	6	111	720	219	280	45
	—— 9086	—— 784	—— 170	—— 796	—— 4831	—— 1757	—— 1919	—— 579

Nativity of the Jewish Immigrants Looked After by the Department of Distribution.

	Argentina	Austria	Belgium	Brazil	Bulgaria	Denmark	Egypt	England	France	Germany	Greece	Holland	Norway	Roumania	Russia	Sweden	Turkey	United States	Total
January	3	73	2	1	.	.	2	8	1	3	..	..	...	6	535	1	4	.	639
February	6	100	.	1	.	.	.	24	5	4	..	..	..	5	526	.	8	.	679
March	11	91	.	.	.	.	.	3	2	7	..	..	..	9	423	1	12	.	559
April	.	20	.	.	1	.	.	..	..	.	..	..	..	2	348	.	10	.	381
May	1	130	.	.	6	.	1	4	..	.	..	..	..	8	516	.	24	.	690
June	.	147	.	.	.	2	1	2	2	3	..	..	..	13	623	.	26	.	819
July	.	144	.	.	.	.	.	..	..	3	..	..	..	10	684	.	29	.	870
August	.	103	.	.	.	.	.	1	..	1	..	..	..	7	573	.	21	.	706
September	.	175	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	4	..	1	1	4	749	.	29	3	967
October	.	108	.	.	.	.	.	6	.	4	..	..	..	26	424	.	30	.	598
November	.	205	.	.	.	.	.	1	..	2	2	..	..	17	656	.	31	.	914
December	.	220	.	.	1	.	.	1	..	1	..	5	..	36	958	.	42	.	1264
Total:	21	1516	2	2	8	2	4	51	10	32	2	6	1	143	7015	2	266	3	9086



LIST OF 110 CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES, CANADA AND CUBA,  
WHERE 579 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS WERE DISTRIBUTED:

Albany, N. Y.....	1	Hartford, Conn.....	13	Perth Amboy, N. J....	1
Asbury Park, N. J....	2	Hawthorn, Ill.....	1	Pittsfield, Mass.....	4
Astoria, L. I.....	1	Holyoke, Mass.....	6	Pickens, Wis.....	1
Atlantic City, N. J....	1	Hoboken, N. J.....	16	Rahway, N. J.....	1
Baltimore, Md.....	3	Houston, Tex.....	1	Richmond, Va.....	3
Bayonne, N. J.....	6	Hudson, N. Y.....	3	Rochester, N. Y.....	1
Belville, N. J.....	1	Jamaica, L. I., N. Y..	1	Reading, Pa.....	5
Birmingham, Ala.....	1	Jersey City, N. J.....	46	Roxbury, Mass.....	1
Boston, Mass.....	32	Kansas City, Mo.....	4	St. Louis, Mo.....	9
Brainnard, N. Y.....	7	Leavenworth, Kan....	1	San Jose, Cal.....	5
Bridgeport, Conn.....	7	Long Branch, N. J....	1	Seranton, Pa.....	1
Brockton, Mass.....	4	Long Island City, N. Y	4	Superior, Wis.....	2
Brunswick, Ga.....	1	Los Angeles, Cal.....	1	Seattle, Wash.....	9
Buffalo, N. Y.....	2	Lowell, Mass.....	3	Somerville, N. J.....	1
Burlington, Vt.....	1	Lyndhurst, L. I., N. Y.	1	Staten Island, N. Y...	3
Cambridge, Mass.....	2	Lynn, Mass.....	9	Syracuse, N. Y.....	3
Cartaret, N. J.....	1	Madison, Wis.....	1	Sacramento, Cal .....	2
Charleston, S. C.....	1	Malden, Mass.....	4	San Francisco, Cal....	7
Charleston, W. Va....	4	Memphis, Tenn.....	7	Savannah, Ga.....	1
Chelsea, Mass.....	6	Minneapolis, Minn....	5	Schenectady, N. Y....	1
Chester Hill, Conn....	1	Milwaukee, Wis.....	8	Springfield, Mass.....	2
Chicago, Ill.....	54	McKeesport, Pa.....	1	Toronto, Ont., Canada.	2
Corona, L. I., N. Y....	1	Mt. Vernon, N. Y. ....	1	Toledo, Ohio .....	1
Cleveland, O.....	11	Montgomery, Ala.....	1	Tucaboe, N. Y.....	1
Cincinnati, O.....	4	Montreal, Canada.....	9	Troy, N. Y.....	2
Coffeerville, Kansas...	1	Newark, N. J.....	73	Union Hill, N. J.....	2
College Point, L. I.	1	New Rochelle, N. Y....	2	Woodhaven, L. I., N. Y	1
N. Y. ....	1	New Castle, Pa.....	1	W. Hoboken, N. J.....	2
Council Bluffs, Iowa...	3	New Haven, Conn.....	7	Worcester, Mass.....	6
Denver, Colo.....	4	New Bedford, Mass....	7	Washington, D. C....	1
Detroit, Mich.....	7	Omaha, Neb.....	8	Waterbury, Conn.....	4
Elizabeth, N. J.....	4	Ozone Park, L. I., N. Y	1	West New York, N. J..	1
Ellenville, N. Y.....	1	Passaic, N. J.....	7	Winsted, Conn.....	1
El Paso, Tex.....	1	Philadelphia, Pa.....	30	Winnipeg, Canada....	5
Flushing, L. I., N. Y..	1	Pittsburg, Pa.....	6	Yonkers, N. Y.....	3
Fort Dodge, Iowa....	1	Port Chester, N. Y....	1	Youngstown, Ohio....	1
Great Neck, L. I., N. Y	1	Paterson, N. J.....	4		
Havana, Cuba.....	8				

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# BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

	CASES.	Baggage Recovered for Persons.	Relief Granted to	Assisted with Trans- portation	Advertised for Persons.	Garments Distributed (pieces).
January	655	165	33	20	70	85
February	1044	123	12	14	31	116
March	1096	79	8	17	57	96
April	1075	83	127	9	10	200
May	1156	136	26	31	33	292
June	1026	184	17	19	68	50
July	1124	104	29	58	34	180
August	904	105	36	41	64	61
September	964	128	10	25	48	112
October	797	53	44	40	68	81
November	886	104	45	23	71	118
December	1023	152	40	21	72	190
	11,750	1,416	427	318	626	1,581

This Bureau was in correspondence with representatives and others in the following cities:

<b>Austria-Hungary:</b>	<b>Denmark:</b>	<b>Holland:</b>
Beled	Copenhagen	
Lemberg		Rotterdam.
Ottynia	<b>England:</b>	
Vienna.	Liverpool	
<b>Belgium:</b>	London	<b>Mexico:</b>
Antwerp.	Newcastle	Mexico City
<b>Brazil:</b>		
Para.	<b>France:</b>	
<b>Canada:</b>	Paris.	<b>Porto Rico:</b>
Brantford		Ponce.
Edenbridge		
Hamilton	<b>Germany:</b>	
Montreal	Berlin	<b>Roumania:</b>
Ottawa	Bremen	Botushan
Radcliffe	Hamburg	Bucarest
St. Catherine's	Koenigsberg	
Toronto	Koeln	
Winnipeg.	Stettin	Jassi
<b>Russia:</b>		
Baranowitz	Lodmir	Piotrikow
Belgrad	Lodz	Priyulik
Dombrowitz	Mazavetz	Radom
Ekaterineslav	Minsk	Riga
Homel	Novogrodok	Sost
Iskorost	Odessa	Wilna
Kiev	Old Konstantin	St. Petersburg
Libau		Warsaw
<b>Sweden:</b>	<b>Switzerland:</b>	<b>Turkey:</b>
	Basel	
Stockholm.	Geneva.	Constantinople.

This Bureau also added to its vast collection of detailed information about cities and towns in the United States, valuable data concerning 117 cities in 28 States.

# DEPARTMENT OF SHELTER.

Number of Persons sheltered in 1911..... 2,934

	Men.	Women.	Children.	
Immigrants ....	1203	250	273 — —	1726
Wayfarers .....	854	242	112 — —	1208
	<hr/> 2057	<hr/> 492	<hr/> 385	<hr/> 2,934

Average stay of each person, 5 ¼ Days.

## RECAPITULATION.

	Immigrants.			Wayfarer.				
	M.	W.	Ch.	M.	W.	Ch.	Total	
January ....	160	29	28	64	12	15	"	308
February ...	65	6	3	88	13	11	"	186
March .....	61	9	13	89	15	7	"	194
April .....	24	7	8	65	21	11	"	136
May .....	61	17	13	46	16	4	"	157
June .....	124	26	43	53	8	4	"	258
July .....	116	10	21	49	7	7	"	210
August .....	101	21	24	63	20	10	"	239
September ..	118	43	50	78	18	9	"	316
October .....	81	29	34	88	66	14	"	312
November ...	143	28	11	93	26	12	"	313
December ...	149	25	25	78	20	8	"	305
	<hr/> 1203	<hr/> 250	<hr/> 273	<hr/> 854	<hr/> 242	<hr/> 112	<hr/> "	<hr/> 2,934

## MEALS CONSUMED.

By Inmates.....	44,511
By City's Poor.....	68,989
	<hr/> 113,500

## CLASSIFICATION.

	Immig- rants.	Way- farers.	Average Days.	Meals Inmates.	Meals City Poor.	Total.
January	217	91	5 ½	3696	4650	8346
February	74	112	5 ½	3148	4971	8119
March	83	111	6	3267	5787	9054
April	39	97	8	3264	7185	10449
May	91	66	5	2355	5002	7357
June	193	65	5	3870	5613	9483
July	147	63	4	2586	6909	9495
August	146	93	5	3630	4118	7748
September	211	105	6	5688	5587	11275
October	144	168	4 ½	3432	5530	8962
November	182	131	5	4695	6460	11155
December	199	106	5 ½	4880	7177	12057
	<hr/> 1726	<hr/> 1208	<hr/> ...	<hr/> 44511	<hr/> 68989	<hr/> 113500

## DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS ENDEAVOR.

			Sabbath Classes for		
	Services.	Attendance.	Children.	Attendance.	
January . . . . .	93	2430	4	560	
February . . . . .	84	2015	4	570	
March . . . . .	85	2140	3	256	
April . . . . .	95	3121	3	268	
May . . . . .	83	1335	4	602	
June . . . . .	78	2083	4	372	
July . . . . .	83	2311	.	...	
August . . . . .	93	2390	.	...	
September . . . . .	90	3850	2	112	
October . . . . .	93	4150	2	120	
November . . . . .	90	2200	3	280	
December . . . . .	93	3870	4	470	
	1,060	31895	33	3,610	

The observation of the Dietary Laws as regards food given to immigrants, are enforced by this Department.

Services on the High Holy Days and a Seder service on Passover are arranged by this Department for immigrants detained on Ellis Island.

### FOOD-STUFFS.

Donated to the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society, 1911.

Bread and Matzos.....	\$545.50	
Meat and Fish.....	616.78	
Groceries .....	397.57	
		\$1,559.85

Food Donations Received by the month.

January .....	\$ 83.25	
February .....	65.86	
March .....	67.73	
April .....	529.63	
May .....	92.53	
June .....	92.25	
July .....	55.45	
August .....	67.73	
September .....	182.17	
October .....	188.45	
November .....	59.73	
December .....	75.07	
		\$1,559.85

# EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

Employment procured, in 1911, for persons.....1393

January .....	109
February .....	71
March .....	80
April .....	88
May .....	148
June .....	159
July .....	80
August .....	146
September .....	108
October .....	169
November .....	129
December .....	106

Total: 1393

CLASSIFICATION.	
Laborers .....	941
Professional Occupations...	17
Various Trades.....	435

Total: 1393

PROFESSIONAL.	
Agriculturists .....	2
Cantors .....	3
Druggists .....	1
Horticulturnists .....	1
Nurses .....	4
Schochetim .....	1
Teachers .....	5

Total: 17

## TRADES.

Bakers .....	27
Barbers .....	2
Blacksmiths .....	3
Bookbinders .....	1
Brass Polishers .....	1
Brushmakers .....	1
Butchers .....	30
Cane Makers .....	1
Candlemakers .....	1
Candy Makers .....	2
Cap Makers .....	12
Carpenters .....	17
Cigarmakers .....	3
Clerks .....	59
Cooks .....	2
Dishwashers .....	2
Domstics .....	15
Drivers .....	5
Embroiderers .....	4
Farmers .....	8
Featherworkers .....	2
Figuremakers .....	3
Furriers .....	8
Glaziers .....	2
Hair Goods Worker.....	5
Ironworkers .....	6
Janitors .....	1
Jewelers .....	2
Knittees .....	1

Launderers .....	1
Leather-workers .....	8
Lithographers .....	1
Locksmiths .....	6
Machinists .....	8
Mattress-Makers .....	3
Millers .....	1
Painters .....	5
Paperhangers .....	3
Picture Frame Workers.....	13
Plumbers .....	1
Pocketbook-Makers .....	3
Porters .....	10
Printers .....	2
Seltzer-workers .....	1
Shirt-makers .....	3
Shoemakers .....	16
Shoe Operators .....	2
Soapmakers .....	1
Suspender-makers .....	1
Tailors .....	82
Tinsmiths .....	23
Upholsterers .....	2
Varnishers .....	1
Wagonmakers .....	4
Watchmakers .....	2
Winemakers .....	5

Total: 435



## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

This Department aims to get in touch with every Jewish immigrant arriving at the port of New York, regardless of his destination. To those who gave New York City as their destination, a letter was sent within a month after their arrival, a copy of which follows:

The Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society, as mother of all the organizations of foreign Jews in America, and as such looks upon all Jewish immigrants as her children, sends you a mother's greeting and bids you abide in peace.

We hope that you feel now fully rested after your arduous journey. We offer you our invitation to come and visit us at our office, 229-231 East Broadway.

Our aim is to help you attain the end for which you have come here in this land.

If you have difficulties in finding work, turn to us, and we will make every effort to find you some.

If you are in need of some advice or information upon any point whatsoever come to us, and we will supply you with what you seek.

We can tell you where to learn English without any cost to you in money.

If you wish to acquaint yourself with the real conditions of America, you are courteously invited to come to us every Sunday and every Wednesday evening to attend the free lectures we give, in mother-Yiddish, concerning anything that may help you to make yourself happy in this land.

If your relatives are not quite so kind to you as you expected, do not be discouraged. Come to us, and you shall find your sincere friends.

If you have a relative or a friend outside New York, that you have reason to think may do something for you, and have not got his correct address, come to us, and we will endeavor to locate him for you. Should you afterwards wish to join him, we may help you in various ways.

If you have any thought of settling in another town on your own account, you will be well advised to come to us and tell us all about it. We are in a position to give you all possible enlightenment on the matter, and you will find that of much use to you.

If you think of taking out your first papers, come to us; and besides supplying you with all necessary information and telling you how to go about it and how to behave,

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If you have left the city and this letter is forwarded to you, write and let us know how you are getting on.

Wherever you may be, please answer this letter.

Again wishing you much success in your new home,

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Enclosed you will please find the report of the Jewish immigrants arrived at the port of New York during the month of . . . . . who gave your city as their destination. Kindly extend to the newcomers every facility which will enable them to find employment, to join English classes for foreigners, and to declare their intention to become American citizens.

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April . . . . .	4	134	2	415	2690
May . . . . .	5	348	9	995	3325
June . . . . .	4	378	8	1075	3050
July . . . . .	..	...	.	...	3275
August . . . . .	..	...	.	...	3650
September . . . . .	2	200	2	200	3260
October . . . . .	2	220	.	...	2940
November . . . . .	4	700	4	240	3123
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"And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee; then thou shalt relieve him; yea, though he be a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with thee."

—Leviticus, xxv:35.

"For ye know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt."—Exodus, xxiii:9.

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